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Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Question of East Timor" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

2. At its 4th meeting, on 5 October 1999, the Fourth Committee granted requests for hearing concerning the item to Mr. Joseph Saunders (A/C.4/54/7), Mr. Rachland Nashidik and Mr. Rafendi Djamin (A/C.4/54/7/Add.1).

3. At its 5th meeting, on 6 October, the Committee granted requests for hearing concerning the item to Mr. Charles Scheiner (A/C.4/54/7/Add.2), Mr. Constancio Pinto (A/C.4/54/7/Add.3), Mr. Carl Senna (A/C.4/54/7/Add.4) and Mr. José Luis Guterres (A/C.4/54/7/Add.5).

4. Also at its 5th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Joseph Saunders, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, Mr. Rachland Nashidik, Indonesian Association for Legal Aid and Human Rights, Mr. Charles Scheiner, International Federation for East Timor, Mr. José Luis Guterres, National Council of Timorese Resistance, and Mr. Carl Senna.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia made a statement in connection with the hearings.

6. Summaries of the statements are contained in the record of the meeting (A/C.4/54/SR.5).

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